

Studying the Numbers

Beef cattle were important in the growth of Kansas City. The beef industry has become an important part of Missouri agriculture. Look at the two maps of the United States that are on the next page. The top map tells about the inventory of cattle in each state. Inventory means how many cattle there were. The bottom map tells how many cattle operations there are in each state. This tells how many cattle farms there are. Look at the information in the maps and answer these questions:

1. How many cattle and calves were there in Missouri in 1998?

(Be sure to notice that the data tells how many thousand head).

2. How many states had more cattle and calves than Missouri?

3. Which state has the most cattle?

4. How many cattle farms are there in Missouri?

5. Which state has the most cattle farms?

6. How many states have more cattle farms than Missouri?



Discuss with your teacher and classmates:

In question 2, you learned that several states have more cattle than Missouri. In question 6, you learned that not as many states have more cattle farms as Missouri. What does this tell us about the size of Missouri cattle farms?

Cattle and Calves: Inventory By State, 1998

-thousand head-



Cattle and Calves: Number of Operations By State, 1997

